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NOTES AND NEWS.

THE New York Section of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in the Middle States and Maryland gave a dinner at the Hotel St. Denis, New York City, on the evening of January 6, 1911. The guests of the evening were the American Commissioners of the International Commission on the Teaching of Mathematics: Professor David Eugene Smith, Columbia University; Professor W. F. Osgood, Harvard University; Professor J. W. A. Young, Chicago University.

In order to make the evening as pleasant as possible socially, the executive committee arranged to seat teachers and their friends from one school at a table together, after having secured one teacher from the school to act as host. The success of this plan was shown by the fact that there were two tables of seventeen each, two of sixteen each, and others of eleven and smaller numbers, the total attendance amounting to one hundred and seventy-six.

The menu of the dinner was excellent, ranging from "singular points: construct points of contact," through "sections of solids." Without reference to diameters or circumferences, find the "cutting speed and feed," and "polar systems: Find the temperature," to "series of polyhedrons: Should this series be convergent, or do you prefer no limit?"

At intervals during the evening, there was singing with a fine leader and a fine pianist. The songs were the college songs of our guests, and parodies on some familiar airs, such as "Euclid had a Little Book" to the tune of "Mary had a Little Lamb."

Toward the end of the dinner, the chairman of the section, Mr. D. D. Feldman, in a few happy remarks, turned the meeting over to Dr. Smith. He spoke of the work of the commission and then announced the other speakers. These speakers included the commissioners and Professor C. B. Upton, of Teachers College, who attended the first meeting of Delegates of the International Commission held in Brussels. Our sym-

pathy for Dr. Young, who was called away early in the evening on account of the illness of Mrs. Young, was divided with our sympathy for ourselves that we did not hear from him.

At the short business meeting which took place at the close of the dinner, the following officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. Eugene R. Smith, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute; Secretary and treasurer, Miss Helen Clarke, Morris High School; Member of the Executive Committee, Mr. D. D. Feldman, Erasmus Hall High School.

The committee trusts that the inspiration of these reports will give added life to the work of the section.

The Spring Meeting of the Association will be held at Teachers College, Columbia University, on April 22. One of the features of the meeting will be a reception given by Mr. Plimpton at his residence on Friday evening, April 21st. At this time an opportunity will be given to inspect his magnificent library of rare books.

In this issue will be found a complete list of members of our association. Any mistakes in names or addresses should be reported to the editor.